



California Dream Act Overview



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Agenda

- ✓ California Dream Act Eligibility
- ✓ Dream Act Application Updates
- ✓ The Application – taking a look
- ✓ Challenges
- ✓ Resources

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Eligibility





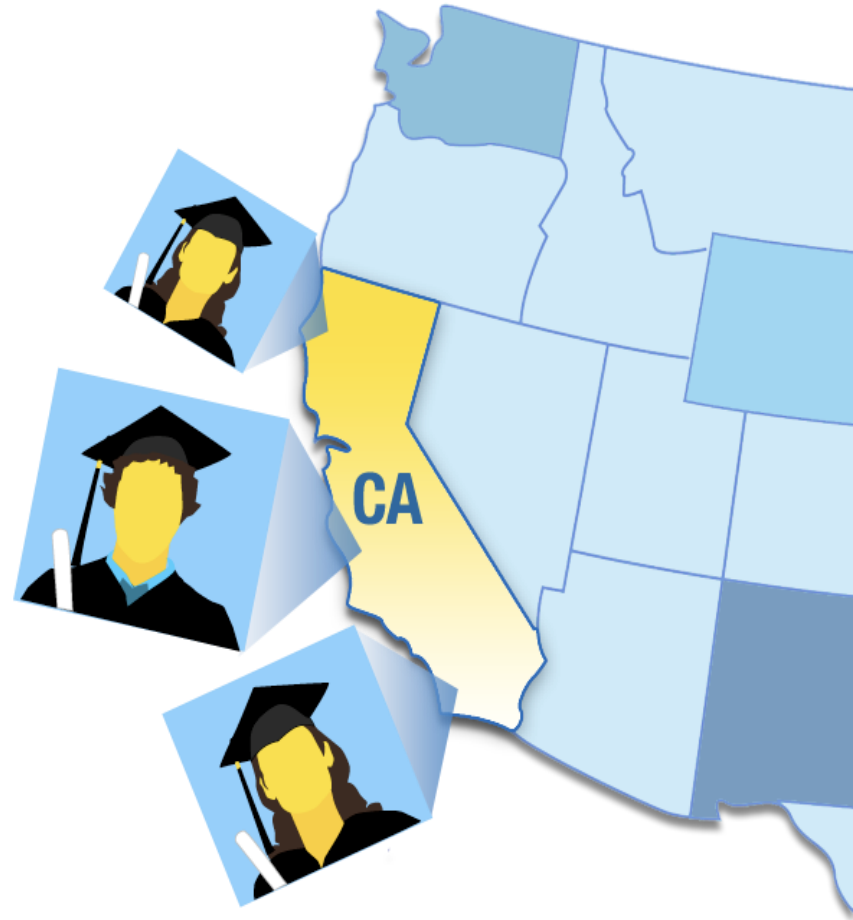
California Dream Act – What is it?

Often referred to as AB 540

Comprised of 5 bills and made into law

Exempts certain students from paying non-resident tuition at California public colleges

- **AB 540** (passed in 2001)
- **AB 130** and **AB 131** (passed in 2011)
- **AB 2000** (passed in 2014)
- **SB 68** (passed in 2018)



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SB 68 expands in-state tuition eligibility in California

- SB 68 benefits students who didn't go to three years of high school in California
- SB 68 benefits students who don't have a California High School Diploma or didn't get their GED in California
- SB 68 will allow students to count full-time attendance at a California Community College, Adult School, Department of Rehabilitation and Correction School, High School, or combination of these schools to meet the 3 years required to be eligible for in-state tuition
- Students will be able to use an Associate's Degree or the fulfillment of the minimum transfer requirements for the UCs or CSUs to meet the requirements.



Non-resident Tuition Exemption Requirements

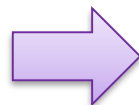
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TIME AND COURSEWORK

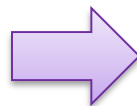
- ☐ Attendance for 3+ years (or the equivalent) at any of the following schools in California

OR

- ☐ 3+ years of earned High School credits with **a total** of 3+ years of total attendance at any of the following schools in California



- ☐ High School
- ☐ Adult School
- ☐ Community College
 - **Max. 2 years of attendance in credit courses can be used towards 3 year requirement**



- ☐ Elementary School
- ☐ Middle School
- ☐ High School
 - **Min. of 3 years total at any combination of these schools to qualify**

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Non-resident Tuition Exemption Requirements

Degree or Transfer Requirements

- ✓ Graduation from a CA High School (or the equivalent, GED, HiSET, TASC, CHSPE) **or**
- ✓ Earned an associate's degree from a CA Community College **or**
- ✓ Met the minimum requirements to transfer to a CSU or UC

Register or enroll at an accredited institution in CA

Non-resident Tuition Exemption Form

- ✓ File with the college or university (AB 540 affidavit)



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Non-Immigrant Visas

Student is not eligible if they hold a non-immigrant visa, including any of these popular visas:

A, B, E, J, H, O, etc.



A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, TN, TD, TROV, NATO



U Visa

- **The U Visa provides eligible victims with non-immigrant status to temporarily remain in the US while assisting law enforcement**
- **Student does not file the Affidavit**



Temporary Protected Status

- **Temporary Protected Status (TPS)** allows a person to live and work in the United States for a specific time period, but it does not lead to U.S. permanent residence (a green card).
- **If a student has Temporary Protected Status they may be eligible for the California Dream Act.**

DACA and the Dream Act Application

Please let your students know:

- DACA **is not** required to qualify for non-resident tuition exemption
- DACA **is not** required to complete CA Dream Act application
- DACA **will not** impact the ability for students to continue receiving financial aid



Dreamers should apply for or renew their California Dream Act Application each year



Selective Service

CA Education Code 69400

Selective Service registration as a *requirement* to receive state financial aid.

- Males between 18-25 must register (regardless of immigration status)
- Do **not** need an SSN to register
- No DACA SSN – Mail Paper registration form (make a copy and get “proof of mailing”).

The image shows a Selective Service System Registration Form (SSS Form 1). At the top, there are fields for 'Selective Service Number' (123456), 'Block, Section, Census, etc.' (54321000), 'Sex' (M), 'Date of Birth' (08-25-92), and 'Last Active Date'. Below these is a field for 'Name and Current Mailing Address'. The center of the form features the Selective Service System seal, which includes an eagle with a shield containing the letters 'SSS'. To the right of the seal, there is a section for 'Interests, career or you.' and a note '(Do Not Write in the Above Space.)'. Below the seal, there is a section for 'Change of Information' and a note 'OMB-3240-0003-SSS F'. At the bottom, there is a section for 'FOR NON-IM' and a note 'send this entire form to: Selective Service System, P.O. Box 58009, Alexandria, VA 22304-0009'.



SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM REGISTRATION FORM

Register online (www.sss.gov)
or complete this form

PRINT ONLY IN BLACK INK AND IN CAPITAL LETTERS ONLY

1 DATE OF BIRTH: (MM-DD-YYYY)

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2 SEX: (Mark with "X")

<input type="checkbox"/>	Male	<input type="checkbox"/>	Female
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3 SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

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**Updates &
Changes**





2019-20 Application Changes

Clarifying language for users on the log-in page to prevent duplicate applications

Repositioning buttons to more intuitive locations on the log-in page

Pop-up message will appear on the demographic page to confirm name/DOB info

Help and Hints Text Boxes will have clarifying language

Parental signature requirement made increasingly visible

SB 68 language added to the pre-determination questions

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The Application

The screenshot shows the California Student Aid Commission website. At the top, the logo for CA.GOV and the California Student Aid Commission is visible. A navigation bar includes links for Home, CA.GOV, CSAC.CA.GOV, Privacy Policy, and Help. The main heading reads "CALIFORNIA DREAM ACT Apply by March 2". Below this, a text box explains that the application allows students enrolled in eligible California Colleges, Universities and Career Education Programs to apply for state financial aid, unrelated to the federal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. A large image of a smiling young woman with a backpack is on the right. Below the heading, there are three main sections: "NEW to the CA Dream Act? First Time User?", "Returning User to CA Dream Act?", and "Submit Parent Signature". Each section has a list of options and a green button with a power icon. The "NEW to the CA Dream Act?" section has options "Start a NEW application" and "Get Started", with a "Start" button. The "Returning User to CA Dream Act?" section has options "Complete a saved application", "Make a correction to your application", "Renew your application", and "Add a school", with a "Login" button. The "Submit Parent Signature" section has options "Request a Parent PIN", "Forgot your Parent PIN?", and "Sign the Student Application", with a "Parent Signature" button. At the bottom, there is a disclaimer: "The California Student Aid Commission has strict security and confidentiality policies and procedures in place to protect the integrity and confidentiality of student records. The California Student Aid Commission has not now, or in the past, shared any information which would indicate a student's immigration status, either documented or undocumented. The California Student Aid Commission also adheres to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99), a Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. Pursuant to section 502 of the California Penal Code and Public Law 99-474, Title 18, United States Code unauthorized access to applicant information will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law."

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First Time User?

- * Start a NEW application
- * Get Started

Start

✓ **Returning User to CA Dream Act?**

- * Complete a saved application
- * Make a correction to your application
- * Renew your application
- * Add a school

Login

✓ **Submit Parent Signature**

- * Request a Parent PIN
- * Forgot your Parent PIN?
- * Sign the Student Application

Parent Signature

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<https://dream.csac.ca.gov/>

When To Apply:

- October 1 – March 2

Who Can Apply?



- Undocumented Students
- With or without DACA
- TPS Status
- U Visa Holders
- Ineligible for Federal Financial Aid

Additional Requirements

- You must apply for and qualify for an **AB 540 non-resident tuition exemption** in order to be eligible for state aid
- Males 18-25 yrs. old must register for Selective Service

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9. You do not have to file taxes in order to complete the application. However, if you will file taxes, but haven't done so yet, you can submit your CA Dream Act Application now using estimated tax information, and then correct that information after you file your return.

Click Next to begin your application!

Save Application

Next ➔

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Welcome!

The following question(s) will determine if it is best for you to complete the California Dream Act Application (CADAA) or the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for financial aid consideration.



The California Dream Act Application uses skip logic to help determine AB 540 eligibility

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Do you have a social security number?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Continue



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Do you meet the eligibility criteria below?



Yes

No

Continue



1. Satisfaction of either of the following:
 - A. High school attendance in California for three or more years, **OR**
 - B. Attainment of credits earned in California from a California high school equivalent to three or more years of full-time high school coursework and a total of three or more years of attendance in California elementary schools, California secondary schools, or a combination of those schools. **OR**
 - C. Attainment of credits earned at a California adult school, **OR**
 - D. Credits earned at a California Community College, **OR**
 - E. A combination of the schools listed above
2. Graduated or will graduate from a California high school, **OR**
attainment of General Education Development (GED), High School Equivalency Test (HiSET), or
Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC), **OR**
Attainment of an associate degree from a California Community College, **OR**
Fulfillment of minimum transfer requirements from a California Community College to a University of
California or California state University, **AND**
3. Will register or enroll in an accredited and qualifying California college or university, **AND**
4. If applicable, complete(d) an affidavit to legalize immigration status as soon as you are eligible, **AND**
5. Do not hold a valid non-immigrant visa (F, J, H, L, A, B, C, D, E, etc.) *

*If you have Temporary Protected Status or hold a U Visa select "Yes"





Based on the responses you provided, you **are** eligible to file a California Dream Act Application.

Click the link below to begin your California Dream Act Application

 Start Application



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25) Parent 2-What is the highest level of education your Parent 2 completed?

26) * What will your high school completion status be when you begin college in the 2018-2019 school year?

27) School Details

What is the name of your high school?

* High School State

* High School City ☐ City not in list

* High School Name ☐ School not in list

Click on your school below.

School Name	City
SAN GABRIEL HIGH SCHOOL	SAN GABRIEL

Help and Hints

Type of Degree/Certificate

Select the degree or certificate that you will be working toward during the 2018-2019 school year.

If your degree or certificate does not fit into any of the categories listed or if you are undecided, select **Other/undecided** from the list.

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Confirm Information

Please confirm that the following information is correct. Errors in this information may delay or prevent the determination of your financial eligibility.

Student Information

First Name	STUDENT
Last Name	TESTER
Date of Birth	07/07/1984

Student Address



Mailing Address	123 TESTER ST.
City	SACRAMENTO
State	CA
Zip Code	95820

Student Contact

Email Address	STESTER@TEST.COM
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Save Application

Timeout Warning!

Your application is about to timeout in 2 minutes.
To continue, please save your application now.

OK



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1) * Your Last Name

2) * Your First Name

3) Your Middle Initial

4) * Your Mailing Address
(Enter your street number and street name, or P.O. Box)

5) * City

6) * State

7) * Zip code

8) Your Social Security Number (SSN) or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)

9) * Your Date of Birth

10) Your Permanent Phone Number

Save Application

Help and Hints
Student's Permanent Home Phone Number
Enter your permanent telephone number. Provide the area code first. Enter the numbers, without parentheses and dashes. For example if your permanent phone number is 205-555-1212, enter as 2025551212.
If you do not have a telephone number, you may leave this question blank.

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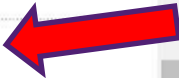
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* High School Name ☐ School not in list

28) * Will you have your first bachelor's degree before you begin the 2018-2019 school year? ☐ Yes ☒ No

29) * What will your grade level be when you begin the 2018-2019 school year? 

30) * What degree or certificate will you be working on when you begin the 2018-2019 school year? 

Answer questions 32-59 about yourself (the Student). If you are single, separated, divorced or widowed, answer only about yourself. If you are married as of today, include information about your spouse (husband or wife). Do not include your parents in these questions.

32) * For 2016, have you completed your IRS income tax return or another tax return?

33) What income tax return did you or will you file for 2016?

34) What was or will be your tax filing status for 2016?

35) If you filed a 1040, were you eligible to file a 1040A or 1040EZ?

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College Search

Sacramento




Add the city here to see
all schools in that city


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WORKER ?

* 107) College Selection

College Search  **Search**

Add College 

College Name	City	USDE Code
HARVEY MUDD COLLEGE	CLAREMONT	00117100

College Name	USDE Code	Housing Plans	
CSU SACRAMENTO	00115000	On campus	
AMERICAN RIVER COLLEGE	00123000	Off campus	
UNIV OF CA - DAVIS	00131300	On campus	
HARVEY MUDD COLLEGE	00117100	On campus	

Save Application

Help and Hints

Federal School Code College Search

If you don't know your college's Federal School Code:

Enter the school name in the college search field and then click the search icon. You may enter the full college name or a common abbreviation. For example, "UNIV" for University of Southern California or "Poly" for CSU Pomona - Polytechnic or CSU San Luis Obispo - Polytechnic.

Once you click Search, we will search our database and display your results in order by best match.

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<p>77) * How many people in your parents' household? Be sure to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• yourself, even if you don't live with your parents,• your parents,• your parents' other children - even if they do not live with your parents - if (a) your parents will provide more than half of their support between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019, or (b) the children could answer "No" to questions 46 through 58, and• other people if they now live with your parents, your parents provide more than half of their support, and your parents will continue to provide more than half of their support between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019. <p><input type="text" value="4"/></p>						
<p>78) * How many people in your parents' household (from question 77) will be college students between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019? Always count yourself as a college student. Do not include your parents. You may include others, only if they will attend at least half time in a program that leads to a college degree or certificate in 2018-2019.</p> <p><input type="text" value="1"/></p>						





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86) What was or will be your parents' tax filing status for 2016?

87) If your parents filed an IRS 1040, were they eligible to file a 1040A or 1040EZ?

88) As of today, are either of your parents a dislocated worker?

89) What was your parents' adjusted gross income for 2016? Adjusted gross income is on IRS Form 1040—line 37; 1040A—line 21; or 1040EZ—line 4. \$.00

90) Enter the amount of your parent's income tax for 2016. Income tax amount is on IRS Form 1040 - line 56 minus line 46; 1040A - line 28 minus line 36; or 1040EZ line 10. \$.00

91) Enter parents' exemptions for 2016. Exemptions are on IRS Form 1040—line 6d or Form 1040A—line 6d. For Form 1040 EZ, see help text to the right.

Questions 92-93 ask about earnings (wages, salaries, tips, etc.) in 2016. Answer the questions whether or not a tax return was filed. This information may be on the W-2 forms or on the tax returns listed in question 85: IRS Form 1040—lines 7 + 12 + 18 + Box 14 (Code A) or IRS Schedule K-1 (Form 1065); on 1040A—line 7; or 1040EZ—line 1. If any individual earning item is negative, do not include that item in your calculation.

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Parents' 2016 Exemptions Claimed

Enter your parents' exemptions for 2016.

If your parents filed:

IRS Form 1040 - Use Line: 6d

IRS Form 1040A - Use Line: 6d

IRS Form 1040EZ and did not check either box on line 5, enter **1 (one)** if they are single or **2 (two)** if they are married.

IRS Form 1040EZ and checked either the "You" or "Spouse" box on line 5, use line F on the EZ worksheet to determine the number of exemptions

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Parent Signature

CA Dream Act ID # 000012357
Selective Service: null

Transaction Date: 8/16/2016
Transaction Number: 1

Congratulations! You have successfully submitted your application. Use your CA Dream Act ID to communicate with your school and CSAC, and to renew your application next year! Always keep your email up-to-date.

Section I-Action Needed	Comment Codes
Resolve the following issue(s): if these issue(s) remain unresolved, you may be unable to receive financial aid consideration.	001
There are issues with your CA Dream Act Application that need to be resolved before your eligibility can be determined. Be sure to read all the comment codes listed on this page, review your application and make any necessary corrections to your CA Dream Act Application.	047
Your parent DID NOT sign your CA Dream Act Application after you submitted it. At least one parent must sign to complete the CA Dream Act Application. Your parent can sign right now by clicking the green Parent Signature button at	108



CADAA Demo

- CSAC offers a demo site for administrators to test the application
- 2019-20 AY available after October 1, 2018

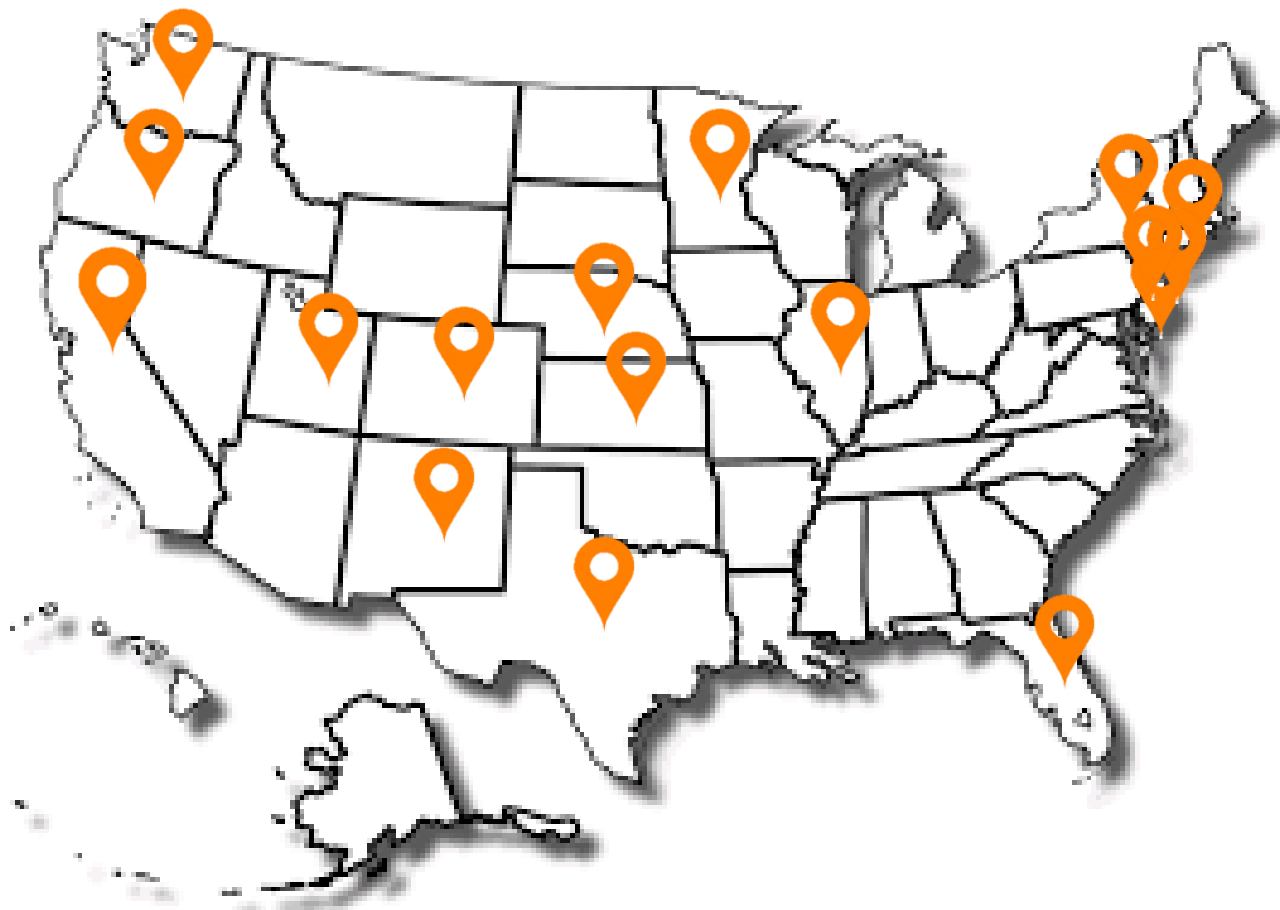
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Financial Aid for Dreamers





California
Colorado
Connecticut
Florida
Illinois
Kansas
Maryland
Minnesota
Nebraska
New Jersey
New Mexico
New York
Oregon
Texas
Utah
Virginia
Washington
District of Columbia



**States offering in-state
tuition to Dreamers**



Hawaii
Maine
Michigan
Oklahoma
Rhode Island



**State university systems offering
in-state tuition to Dreamers**



Available Aid for Dreamers in CA

- In State Tuition
- State Aid – Cal Grants & Middle Class Scholarship
- Chafee Grant (Current and former foster youth)
- UC University Grant
- CSU State University Grant
- California College Promise Grant (formerly BOG)
- Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) Services
- Work Study Programs *check with the school
- Private Scholarships
- Other CA institutional aid



DREAM Loans

- Only available at CSU and UC
- Limited funding available
- Each campus determines student eligibility & amounts a student may borrow
- Maximum award amount \$4,000 each year
- Maximum lifetime amount \$20,000





Challenges



Dreamer to Permanent Resident



- Students should fill out the application that correlates to their current status on the “day of” completing the application – even if their Permanent Residency is pending
- Immediately upon receiving their Permanent Residency (and not before) the student should complete and submit a FAFSA
- Once completed, students should contact CSAC for assistance and to “convert” their Cal Grant award if required.



Top Reasons Not Awarded

- Application not submitted on time or not fully completed before March 2nd deadline
- Missing parent signature
- Missing, incomplete or inaccurate income and/or asset information
- Selective Service not completed or school not able to verify (male students 18-25)
- Verification process not completed in time to start school
- Student completes FAFSA erroneously
- Confusion at college level (financial aid vs. admissions) about Dream Act eligibility



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Verification

- CSAC randomly selects 20% of all completed Dream Act applications for income verification
- All randomly selected students will be verified by their college to ensure they meet AB 540 eligibility
- Note: Some institutions are very strict in the verification process and may ask for tax information for parents or additional income verification



General Information

- Once the Dream Act application is signed and successfully submitted, the application information will be sent to all colleges listed.
- Because the CADAA is proprietary to CSAC, we can generally help students or schools quickly troubleshoot common issues.
- Students must complete an updated (not brand new) CADAA each academic year.
- If there are significant changes in income, or other major life changes, students should contact the Financial Aid Office of their college.

Resources





E4FC is now **Immigrants Rising**

Empowering undocumented young people to achieve educational and career goals through personal, institutional and policy transformation

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Ad-Hoc Trainings and Webinars



- Financial Aid Nights
- Dreamer Conferences
- College Fairs

- High School Groups
- Tailored Webinars



Need more information? Contact our Institutional Support Unit.

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CASH FOR C//LLEGE

- FREE financial aid workshops
- Over 1,000 events were held throughout California during the 2017-18 application cycle
- Open to students and parents
- Any school or organization can host workshops

To host a workshop:

For workshop registration, order materials, access training and resources, please visit:

www.Cash4College.org



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Thank You for Attending!

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